

Administration (GSA), this Notice of Availability (NOA) for DEIS is announced. The proposed action is the disposal of all of real property associated with this government owned facility. The property consists of about 6,500 acres of land including buildings, industrial facilities and equipment, roadways, utilities, specialized facilities, easements, rights of way, and natural undeveloped land.

The DEIS addresses impacts of two alternatives considered; Disposal and No-Action (Continued Federal Ownership). The DEIS examined the short and long-term impacts to both natural environment and impacts to the surrounding community. The Disposal Alternative is further refined into a series of alternative land use scenarios. These were developed with the input from the local community through the scoping process.

GSA will solicit community input at a Public Meeting to be held on Thursday April 29th. This will incorporate community comments into the decision process before GSA issues a Final EIS (FEIS). The 45-day comment period will end June 2, 1999.

After the comment period GSA will issue a Final EIS for 30 days of additional comment. A decision on the Disposal will not be made until 30 days after the release of the FEIS. GSA anticipates this decision will be rendered by August 1999.

GSA solicits comments in writing at the following address: Mr. Phil Youngberg, Regional Environmental Officer (4PT), General Services Administration (GSA), 401 West Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 3010, Atlanta, GA 30365, or FAX: Mr. Phil Youngberg at 404-331-4540. Comments should be submitted in writing.

April 8, 1999.

**Phil Youngberg,**

*Regional Environmental Office (4 PT).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), all authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants for the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program and for Rural Emergency Medical Services

under section 1820(g) of the Social Security Act, as amended. This section was added by section 4201 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (105-33). This delegation excludes the authority to submit reports to Congress. This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's delegation of authority and policy on regulation.

In addition, I hereby ratify any actions taken by the Administrator or other HRSA officials which involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This delegation is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

**Donna E. Shalala,**

*Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F-0705]

#### Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 8B4618) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite as a stabilizer in polymers intended for use in contact with food.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of August 27, 1998 (63 FR 45820), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4618) had been filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., c/o Keller and Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. (The petitioner is no longer represented by Keller and Heckman. The address of the petitioner is 540 White Plains Rd., P.O. Box 2005, Tarrytown, NY 10591-9005.) The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 *Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers* (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the expanded safe use of tris(2,4-di-

*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite as a stabilizer for polymers intended for use in contact with food. Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: March 29, 1999.

**Alan M. Rulis,**

*Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### Indian Health Service

#### Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of competitive grant applications for the health professions recruitment program for Indians.

**SUMMARY:** The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces that competitive grant applications are now being accepted for the Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians established by sec. 102 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976 (25 U.S.C. 1612), as amended by Pub. L. 102-573. There will be only one funding cycle during fiscal year (FY) 1999. This program is described at sec. 93.970 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and is governed by regulations at 42 CFR 36.310 et seq. Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, and A-122 (cost principles for different types of applicant organizations); and 45 CFR part 74 or 45 CFR part 92 (as applicable). Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review is not applicable to this program. This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting requirements.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000." "Healthy People 2000," the full report, is currently out of print. You may obtain the objectives from the latest "Healthy People 2000 Review." A copy may be obtained by calling the National Center for Health Statistics, telephone (301) 436-8500.

Smoke Free Workplace: PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the